

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
(HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

PROPOSITION 1 - REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

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ADOPTED: DECEMBER 17, 2014

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2015 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 2444, adopted by the Board on October 13, 2010, and a special election held and conducted within the District on February 8, 2011.

(b) With the expiration of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy, it appears certain that the money which will be available for the General Fund for the school years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and support the District's educational programs and operation by paying general expenses thereof, all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$55,454,000 be made in 2015 for collection in 2016,

\$60,788,000 be made in 2016 for collection in 2017, and \$64,681,000 be made in 2017 for collection in 2018, for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(c) The District's proposed three-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same purpose as the District's expiring four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy.

(d) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053 to submit to the District's voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Director of Records and Elections of King County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District in the manner provided by law to be held therein on February 10, 2015, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether a replacement General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy shall be made annually for three years commencing in 2015 for collection in 2016 on all of the taxable property within the District of \$55,454,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$4.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in 2016 for collection in 2017 of \$60,788,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$4.43 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2017 for collection in 2018 of \$64,681,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$4.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 3. Use of Levy Proceeds. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy excess property taxes and use the proceeds of such levies to meet the educational needs of its students and support the District's educational programs and operation by paying general expenses thereof, including, but not limited to, expenses of instruction, safety, materials and facility maintenance and operations, during the school years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, all as may be authorized by law and deemed necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the King County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

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REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL
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The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 14-14, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of educational programs and operation expenses, including instruction, safety, materials and facility maintenance and operations:

<u>Collection Year</u>	Approximate Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000	
	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2016	\$4.22	\$55,454,000
2017	\$4.43	\$60,788,000
2018	\$4.55	\$64,681,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 14-14. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY ... YES ☐

LEVY ... NO ☐

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or her designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 26, 2014; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the (a) District's Chief of Staff and Finance (Duggan Harman), telephone: 206.631.3078; fax: 206.433.2351; email: duggan.harman@highlineschools.org; and (b) special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC (Jim McNeill), telephone: 206.447.5339; fax 800.533.2284; email: mcnej@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Resolution No. 13-14 Repealed. Resolution No. 13-14, adopted by the Board on December 3, 2014, is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall have no further force or effect.

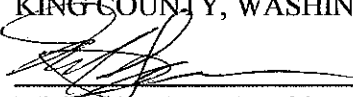
Section 8. General Authorization and Ratification. The Secretary, the District's Chief of Staff and Finance, the President of the Board, other appropriate officers of the District and special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, are severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 9. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 10. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington, at a special open public meeting thereof, of which due notice was given as required by law, held this 17th day of December, 2014, the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

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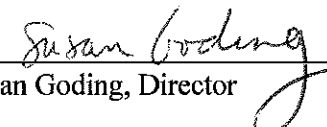
Michael D. Spear, President and Director

Tyrone Curry Sr., Vice President and Director



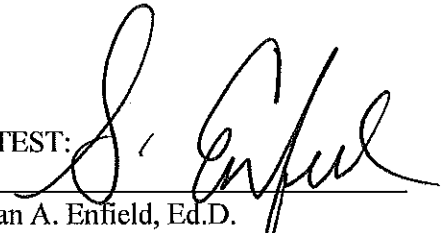
Angelica Alvarez, Director

Bernie Dorsey, Director



Susan Goding, Director

ATTEST:



Susan A. Enfield, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board of Directors